

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IP PACKET FILTERING BASED ON NON-IP  
PACKET TRAFFIC ATTRIBUTES**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5       Control and management of communication traffic. IP  
packet filtering occurs in an operating system kernel  
implementation of, for example, the TCP/IP protocol suite.  
Access rules are expressed as filters referencing system  
kernel data; for outbound processing, source application  
10      indicia is determined; for inbound packet processing, a  
look-ahead function is executed to determine target  
application indicia; and responsive to the source or target  
application indicia, filter processing is executed.

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